

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

District of Columbia, ss., Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the said District, Nicole McKinney well known to me to be Billing Manager of The Washington Post, a daily newspaper published in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, and making oath in due form of law that an advertisement containing the language annexed hereto was published in said newspaper on the dates mentioned in the certificate herein.

I Hereby Certify that the attached advertisement was published in The Washington Post, a daily newspaper, upon the following date(s) at a cost of \$5,046.80 and was circulated in the Washington metropolitan area.

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Witness my hand and official seal this 17th day of April 2008

My commission expires

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
ANTITRUST DIVISION UNITED  
STATES v. PEARSON plc, et al.  
Take notice that a proposed  
Final Judgment has been filed  
in a civil antitrust case,  
United States v. Pearson plc,  
et al., Civil Action No. 1:08-  
cv-00143. On January 24, 2008,  
the United States filed a  
Complaint to enjoin the  
proposed acquisition by Pearson  
plc and Pearson Education Inc.  
(collectively #Pearson"), of  
Harcourt Assessment Inc.,  
(#Harcourt") a wholly-owned  
subsidiary of Reed Elsevier PLC  
and Reed Elsevier, NV, and to  
obtain equitable and other  
relief. The Complaint alleges  
that Pearson's acquisition of  
Harcourt would substantially  
lessen competition in the  
markets for adaptive behavior,  
speech and language, and adult  
abnormal personality clinical  
tests in violation of Section 7  
of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. §  
18. The proposed Final  
Judgment, filed at the same  
time as the Complaint, requires

Pearson to divest: (1)  
Harcourt's adaptive behavior  
clinical test, the Adaptive  
Behavior Assessment System; (2)  
Harcourt's adult abnormal  
personality clinical test, the  
Emotional Assessment System,  
which is under development; and  
(3) in the speech and language  
clinical test market, either  
Pearson's Comprehensive  
Assessment of Spoken Language  
and the Oral and Written  
Language Scales or Harcourt's  
Clinical Evaluation of Language  
Fundamentals. A Competitive  
Impact Statement filed by the  
United States describes the  
Complaint, proposed Final  
Judgment, the industry, and the  
remedies available to private  
litigants who may have been  
injured by the alleged  
violation. Copies of the  
Complaint, proposed Final  
Judgment, and Competitive  
Impact Statement are available  
for inspection at the  
Department of Justice,  
Antitrust Division, Antitrust  
Documents Group, 325 7th  
Street, NW, Room 215,  
Washington, DC 20530  
(telephone: 202-514-2481), on  
the Department of Justice's Web  
site at <http://www.usdoj.gov/atr>, and at the Office of the  
Clerk of the United States  
District Court for the District  
of Columbia. Interested  
persons may address comments to  
James J. Tierney, Chief,  
Networks and Technology  
Enforcement Section, Antitrust  
Division, Department of  
Justice, 600 E Street, NW,  
Suite 9500, Washington, DC  
20530, (telephone: 202-307-  
6200), within 60 days of the  
date of this notice.